



## **Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works**

Date: March 28, 2002

To: Transportation and Public Works Committee

**Subject: Dedication of the Royalston Avenue Bridge to Richard L. Straub, City Engineer from 1990 - 1994**

**Recommendation:** (a) Authorize the City Engineer to dedicate the Royalston Avenue Bridge to Richard L. Straub, City Engineer from 1990 – 1994. (b) Authorize the City Engineer to secure an appropriate plaque commemorating dedication and to arrange for the installation of the plaque upon a prominent place on the bridge. (c) Authorize the City Engineer to conduct a dedication ceremony honoring Mr. Straub as City Engineer from 1990 – 1994 with the hope that he will be able to attend.

### **Previous Directives:**

None

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By: David J. Sonnenberg \_\_\_\_\_

Presenters in Committee: David J. Sonnenberg, P. E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

### **Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

☐ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.  
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

☒ Action requires use of contingency or reserves

☐ Other financial impact (Explain):

☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

## **Background/Supporting Information**

In the past, the City Council has been following the custom of dedicating Minneapolis Public Works structures and buildings to past City Engineers. Listed below are some of the buildings and structures that have been dedicated to former City Engineers.

<b>City Engineer</b>	<b>Years in Office</b>	<b>Structure</b>
F.W. Cappelen	1893 – 1899 1913 – 1921	Old Franklin Avenue Bridge
Fred T. Paul	1933 – 1948	Glenwood Avenue Street Maintenance Building
Hugo G. Erickson	1948 – 1959 1964 – 1965	Traffic Maintenance Building
Gordon E. Bodien	1959 – 1964	Paving Laboratory
Thomas A. Thompson	1966 – 1967	Equipment Building
Clayton A. Sorenson	1968 – 1978	Camden Bridge
Perry D. Smith	1978 – 1989	Plymouth Avenue Bridge

It is Public Works recommendation that this custom continues by dedicating the Royalston Avenue Bridge to Richard L. Straub, City Engineer from 1990 – 1994. Mr. Straub played an instrumental part in the entire concept of placing a temporary Royalston Avenue bridge as a result of the Bassett's Creek tunnel installation, which is adjacent to the permanent bridge construction currently underway.

The cost of erecting a plaque would be approximately \$1,500.00 and can be included as part of the Capitol Project cost. This project is currently under construction and completion is anticipated by the end of the 2002 construction season.

**T&PW** - Your Committee recommends that the Royalston Avenue Bridge be dedicated to Richard L. Straub, City Engineer from 1990-1994 as Mr. Straub played an instrumental part in the entire concept of placing a temporary Royalston Avenue bridge as a result of the Bassett's Creek tunnel installation.

Your Committee further recommends that the City Engineer be directed to secure an appropriate plaque commemorating the dedication, to arrange installation of the plaque in a prominent place on the bridge and to conduct a dedication ceremony honoring Mr. Straub.

